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"What difficulties are providers experiencing coming into compliance?"

Accounting of Disclosures

- AOD is one of the core provisions under HIPAA

- At variance are…

  – Patients' right to know

  – CEs' new burden to track previously untracked disclosures

State-mandated Disclosures

- State mandated disclosures will account for up to 80% of all disclosures*

- Includes disclosures to…
  - Inpatient registry
  - Cancer registry
  - Trauma registry
  - Birth registry
  - Death registry
  - Communicable disease registry

How are State disclosures made?

- Through systems provided by the State
- Manual data entry
- Periodically electronically transmitted to the State

The Problem

- Little or no electronic interfacing to State registry systems
  - Disparate, non-standard interfaces when one exists
- State agencies that oversee registries are often unaware of the AOD mandate
- Some State agencies reluctant to allow electronic interfacing to registry systems
- Without electronic interfaces, CEs must perform double-entry

The Ideal Solution

- Electronic download of State disclosures into CE's AOD database

Recommendations

- Create common interface to electronic registry systems in all 50 States
  - MediConnect is prepared today to lead a standards committee to develop a simple, open-source interface
- Educate State agencies regarding AOD
- Pressure from OCR/HHS for States to open integration to registries
- OCR/HHS should secure federal funding for interface development